Allocation of levy sugar in Chhattisgarh

†*378. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of levy sugar allocated for poor ration card holder families of Chhattisgarh every month during 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) the quantity of levy sugar allocated for January and February, 2007; month-wise;

(c) the reasons for allocation of less quantity; and

(d) whether any request has been received from the State Government for increasing the quantity of allocation of levy sugar and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Central Government is concerned with the allotment of levy segar to the State Governments/UT Administrations. The statement showing month-wise quantities of levy sugar allocated to State of Chhattisgarh during 2002-03 and 2003-04 sugar seasons (October-September) is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) One rake of 2480.0 MT was allocated each in January' 2007 and February' 2007 to the State Government of Chhattisgarh as against the State quota of 4512.0 MT. Since, the levy percentage has been reduced to 10% of the domestic production, w.e.f. 1.2.2001, the availability of sugar for levy allocation varies depending upon the levels of domestic production, as such, it has not possible to supply levy sugar as per the fixed levy quota to each State/U.T.

(d) The State Goverment had requested for restoration of levy quota, *vide* letter No. 108 dated 29.5.2006. The Central Government has since restored the full State quota of 4512.0 MTs per month from March' 2007, in view of expected high level of production in current 2006-07 sugar season.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Months-wise allotment of levy sugar to the State of Chhattisgarh during 2002-03 and 2003-04 sugar season (October to September)

Sugar Season 2002-03		Sugar Season 2003-04	
Month	Qty. In M.T.	Month	Qty. In M.T.
Oct' 02	5518.0	Oct' 03	4512.0
Nov' 02	4512.0	Nov' 03	4480.3
Dec' 02	4512.0	Dec' 03	4512.0
Jan'03	4512.0	Jan' 04	4512.0
Feb' 03	4512.0	Feb' 04	4512.0
Mar' 03	2262.0	Mar' 04	4512.0
Apr' 03	0.0	Apr. 04	4512.0
May' 03	2262.0	May' 04	4512.0
Jun' 03	2262.0	Jun' 04	4512.0
Jul' 03	4512.0	Jul' 04	4522.0
Aug' 03	4512.0	Aug' 04	4522.0
Sep' 03	5519.0	Sep' 04	5529.0
TOTAL:	44895.0	TOTAL:	55149.3

Rail-line between Una to Talwara

*379. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of the railway line which is being constructed from Una to Talwara in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) what is its estimated cost; and

(c) what is the targeted period for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Una to Talwara is part of Nangal Dam-Talwara (83.74 kms) new line project. The section from Nangal Dam-Una Himachal to Chuararu Takrala (32.73 kms) has already been completed and commissioned. Earthwork and minor